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SUBJECT: GENERAL PAZ BECOMES ACTING CHIEF OF STATE

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1951 (DTG 212016Z APR 78)

1. BY DECISION OF THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL (SDC), ARMED FORCES
COMMANDER GENERAL POLICAROP PAZ IS ACTING CHIEF OF STATE DURING
GENERAL MELGAR'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. COMMENT: TRADITIONALLY, PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO NAME THE
MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, WHO IS THE SENIOR CABINET MINISTER BY
PROTOCOL, TO SERVE AS ACTING CHIEF OF STATE. THIS OCCURRED DURING
MELGAR'S LAST ABSENCE, AND THEN MINGOV COL. FLORES GUERRA WAS
SO DESIGNATED. A HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CLOSE, BUT NOT
PRIVY, TO SDC THINKING COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT AFTER ALL THE
REGIME IS MILITARY AND WHILE COL. FLORES WAS A SENIOR COLONEL, THE
PRESENT MINGOV, JUAN ANGEL ARIAS, IS ONLY A LIEUTENANT COLONEL.
THE SDC APPARENTLY WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE THOUGHT OF ARMED
FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL PAZ REPORTING TO LT COL ARIAS.

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